



**MINUTES OF THE 129th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE ALDERSHOT DIVISIONAL FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
HELD ON 23rd MAY 2024**

1. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman, Mike Gardner (MG), opened the meeting welcoming everyone to the 129th AGM of the Association. He thanked the ADFA officers and Council Members for their work during the season along with all club, league and refereeing representatives.

As the Minutes Secretary was absent, Martin Castle fulfilled this role for the evening.

2. The Minutes of the 128th Annual General Meeting

The Chairman presented the Minutes of the previous AGM and there were no matters arising.

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 128th Annual General Meeting

The Chairman asked that the 128th meeting minutes be adopted as a true record; this was proposed by Mark Culverhouse, seconded by Phil Rush and approved by all present.

4. General Secretary's Report

The General Secretary, Martin Castle (MC), presented a verbal report, giving his thanks to his fellow officers for their support.

MC reported that he had no major issues from Clubs or Leagues during the completed season and congratulated those Clubs that had reached the ADFA cup finals. MC wished all clubs and Leagues good luck for season 2024-25 and then handed over to Richard Whittington, Cup Competitions Secretary, who presented the following report.

Cup Competitions Report

He thanked all the Clubs who entered our five competitions this season and also to his ADFA colleagues for their support and assistance.

The following is a report of those competitions:

Saturday Senior Cup

This was held on the 7th May and was contested by two Isthmian League clubs, Badshot Lea and Westfield. The match ended 1-1 and after both sides missed their first spot kicks, Westfield's keeper saved the last one to give Westfield a victory 4-3 on penalties.

Saturday Intermediate Cup – Mark Coombs

This competition was contested by a Hartley Wintney Development side and Liphook United. Liphook ran out winners with Billy Allcock grabbing a hat-trick in their 4-1 win. It was good to see Yvonne Coombs present the Cup to Liphook.

Saturday Junior

Farnborough North End Athletic met last season's winners Woking Vets in this final and it was Athletic who secured the win with a 2 -0 victory.



Senior Invitation Sunday

Shire United and Seale FC faced each other in this Cup and Shire United entertained us with a 3 - 0 victory.

Eric Holbrook Junior Invitation

Woking Vets made their second appearance of the weekend when they faced Camberley Magpies who won the award for the smartest finalists when they arrived in dark trousers, white shirts and red ties. Unfortunately for them, having raced into a 2 nil lead, Woking Vets used all their experience to fight back and win 4-2.

RW said that the finals went well and thanked the players, officials and supporters for making it a successful if not exhausting weekend!!

5. Treasurers Report

Treasurer, John Marchment (JM), presented the accounts as circulated.

JM thanked Phil Blakey for his supportive handover and his help in his first year as Treasurer. There were no questions from members. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Richard Whittington, seconded by Malcom Upward, and duly approved by those present.

6. Appointment of Accounts Verifier

The Treasurer announced that the Association would like to retain the services of Spring Financial Services as the Accounts Verifier for the forthcoming season. Proposed by Martin Castle, seconded by Elayne Duddridge and agreed by all present.

7. Election of the Officers of the Council

Before handing over election of Officers, MG informed the meeting that Thura would be standing down as President due to other football commitments and his work at the FA. MG also announced that MC would be stepping down at the end of the 2024-25 season and he thanked Thura and Martin for all his work over the years he has been involved with ADFA and that they will be very much missed.

The President, Thura TK Win (TW), oversaw the election of Officers to the Council.

He thanked Chairman, MG, and all the Officers for their work, and MG for his leadership.

TW informed the meeting that Chris Douglass would be taking over as Minutes Secretary from Suzanne Swan.

The Officers listed below, were prepared to stand and as they were unopposed for election were voted en-bloc:

President

Mr Thura KT Win, JP

Chairman

Mr Mike Gardner

Deputy Chairman

Mr Graham Brookland

Hon. General Secretary

Mr Martin Castle

Treasurer

Mr John Marchment

Minutes Secretary

Mr Chris Douglass

Cup Competitions

Mr Richard Whittington



TW stated as there was no opposition to the proposed Officers, he declared that all Officers were elected as nominated.

Proposed by Malcolm Upward, seconded by Caroline Bone, and agreed by all present.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Officers, thanked the meeting for the group re-election and for support in doing ADFA business during the year.

8. Rule Amendments

Martin Castle. advised that there were changes to the Standard Code of Rules for Divisional Associations. And read out the proposed change to rule 12. REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES. Proposed by Colin Barnett, seconded by Simon Branson, and agreed by all present.

9. Meritorious Service to Football Awards

John Marchment (JM) explained what these awards were about and paid tribute to everyone involved in promoting football at local level and encouraged all present to consider individuals from their Clubs and Leagues with their local knowledge, whose contribution should be recognised formally.

On behalf of the ADFA, Tw and JM presented 20-year awards for their involvement in local football to the following:

David Bland

Steve Goble

Mike Gardner

11. Benevolent Officers Report

JM reminded and advised all present the existence and purpose of the ADFA Benevolent Fund and its relevance to players and referees. He reported that he has dealt with 3 cases over the past season and also explained that this is not insurance but a hardship fund for those injured whilst involved in local matches, and that this will be promoted again to all clubs aware of its existence.

12. Any Other Business

There were no questions from those present.

14. Chairman's Closing Remarks

The Chairman MG thanked Thura and Martin Castle for their past service to the ADFA MG advised that next season's AGM will be on Thursday 22nd May 2025

There being no other notified business, MG thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting Closed at 8.25pm

Mr Mike Gardner, Chairman